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Dear Sirs,

I am writing you today to express my dissatisfaction with the settlement arrangement that the DOJ has struck with Microsoft. The DOJ Seems to have received a short memory along with a new Attorney General and new President, otherwise is would remember that MS has violated the intent of those agreements it has made with the DOJ in the past. MS has also lied to the DOJ, the Courts and the Public before and when caught never even bothered to apologize for doing so. As a computer professional I have some recommendations for what would be an appropriate solution for dealing with MS in a manner that will dissuade MS from behaving in the same manner again.

1. Open source all their Operating Systems but only the OS's, allow them to maintain ownership and collect licensing fees as long as it does not violate the next section.
2. Forfeit all MS patents and copyrights to technologies that MS either, bought after driving the pervious owner of those technologies out of competitiveness or that MS developed based on another companies technology but that been has changed enough of so that MS can win an intellectual property court fight(activeX).
3. Forbid Direct bundling of other software with MS operating systems, the default install of an OS must not contain software other then core system resources, other software such as web browsers, DV editing , Digital picture interface and email can be on the same CD but may not be part of the default install.

These solutions will prevent MS from further their exploiting their monopoly, punish MS for past transgressions against others, and promote new and innovative solutions, software that can be written with compatibility to a level that only other MS applications have been in the past, in my opinion. All this would result in more and better solutions for consumers in an environment where companies can be truly competitive.

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